

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 1. (Once Amended) In a lift device of the type appended to a  
2 vehicle, said lift device having a platform movable  
3 between a lower or ground position, upper or load  
4 position and stowed position, said platform assuming a  
5 substantially horizontal orientation in said ground or  
6 load position and pivotable to a substantially vertical  
7 orientation when stowed for vehicle movement, said  
8 platform being connected to a lever arm assembly and  
9 further including hydraulic apparatus to move said  
10 platform between ground, load and stowed positions, said  
11 hydraulic apparatus being actuated by a pump and motor  
12 assembly, the improvement comprising providing a direct  
13 current electric motor with variable resistance control  
14 circuitry for actuation of said pump and hydraulic  
15 apparatus so that speed of motion of the platform is  
16 variable.

1 6. (Once Amended) In a lift device of the type used to raise  
2 a vehicle vertically for enabling ready access to the  
3 vehicle's undercarriage, said lift device comprising a  
4 platform for supporting a vehicle movable from ground to  
5 an elevated position and back to ground again, the  
6 improvement comprising providing a direct current  
7 electric motor with variable resistance control circuitry  
8 or actuation of a pump and hydraulic apparatus so that  
9 speed of motion of said platform is variable.